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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCTION OF SILICA GRAIN HAVING
DESIRED PROPERTIES AND THEIR FIBER OPTIC AND SEMICONDUCTOR
APPLICATION

RESPONSE

To the Director of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 11, 2003,
applicant provisionally elects Group III claims.

The requirement is traversed. All claims are classified in
the same class, and all subclasses are examined in the same art
unit.

The process as claimed cannot be practiced by hand nor by
another apparatus materially different from the apparatus as
claimed in Group I and Group II claims.

The Group IV subcombinations as claimed are not separately
usable from Group III claims.

Applicant provisionally elects the species of Figure 8.

Claims 1-19, 25-30, 34-45, 46-58, 78-106, 109-118 and 119-
129 read upon that species.

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Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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